Steps to check, activities of private security agencies

1441. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose compulsory registration of these security agencies with the police;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken note of increasing number of personnel of Private security agencies found involved in heinous crimes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the fresh steps taken by Government to formulate certain guidelines in order to keep a check on activities of private security agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (e) Government is aware that a number of private security agencies have been operating in the various parts of the country. However, no data is maintained of these agencies or of commission of crimes by their personnel. In order to provide for regulation of private security guards and agencies, the Private Security Guards and Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 1994 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th December, 1994. Discussions on the Bill have been inconclusive so far. In the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the Delhi Police is operating scheme for such private security agencies under which police officers hold meetings at regular intervals with the representatives of private security agencies operating in their respective jurisdiction and to extend possible assistance to them to improve their performance.

Agreements with Bodo Liberation Tigers

1442. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have reached any agreement with the Bodo Liberation Tigers at a meeting held on 10th February, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government for its implementation;

(d) whether it is a fact that some of the provisions made in the agreement/accord require the approval of the Parliament; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when a suitable legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (e) A Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) has been signed between the Central Government, the Government of Assam and Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) on 10.2.2003 for a durable solution to the Bodo issues. The main terms of the agreement include *inter alia*;

(i) Creation of an Autonomous self-governing body to be known as Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) within the State of Assam and provision of Constitutional protection under the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India to the said Autonomous Body. Adequate safeguards have been built in the Agreement to ensure that the non-tribals in the BTC area are not disadvantaged in relation to any rights and privileges including land rights presently enjoyed by them at the commencement of BTC.

(ii) The council shall have legislative, executive, administration and financial powers in respect of subjects entrusted to them.

(iii) Additional financial assistance of Rs. 100 crore per annum (over and above normal plan assistance to State of Assam) for 5 years for projects to develop the socio-economic infrastructure in BTC areas.

(iv) The Government of India agrees to consider favourably the inclusion of Bodo language in Devnagri script in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

(v) The Bodo language shall be the official language of BTC subject to the condition that Assamese and English language shall also continue to be used for official purposes.

(vi) A Centrally funded Central Institute of Technology (CIT) will be set up to impart education in various technologies/vocational disciplines such as Information Technology, Bio-technology, Food Processing, Rural Industries, Business Management, etc. CIT will be subsequently upgraded to a centrally funded State University with technical and non-technical disciplines to be run by BTC.

(vii) The Government of India also agrees to consider sympathetically the inclusion of Bodo Kacharis living in Karbi Anglong and NC Hills Autonomous Councils area in the ST (Hill) List of State of Assam.

(viii) The Bodo youth will be considered for recruitment in Police, Army and Para-military forces to increase their representation in these forces.

(ix) Implementation of Special Rehabilitation Programme (SRP) for the people affected by ethnic disturbances in Assam, who are at present living at relief camps in Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon, etc. shall be completed by the Government of Assam with active support of BTC. Necessary funds for their rehabilitation shall be provided by the Government of India and lands which are free from all encumbrances required for such rehabilitation shall be made available by the BTC.

(x) The Government of Assam shall dissolve the existing Bodoland Autonomous Council (BAC) and repeal the BAC Act, 1993.

2. Some provisions made in the MoS require amendments to the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India, Constitution (Scheduled Tribe) Order 1950 and certain other provisions of the Constitution. Action has been taken in hand to implement the provisions made in MoS. No firm timeframe has been fixed in the MoS for this purpose.

Setting up of multi-agency centre for using intelligence inputs

1443. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at a meeting of Chief Secretaries and Directors General of police held in New Delhi on January 7, 2003, it was decided to set up